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SUBJ: LOS: SUBCOMMITTEE III, THIRD MEETING, 19 MARCH

1. THE LIST OF SPEAKERS ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WILL BE CLOSED ON 22 MARCH (U. S. IS ON LIST TO SPEAK TWICE).

2. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT AMERASINGHE AND CHAIRMAN OF REGIONAL GROUPS HAVE AGREED TO REQUEST SUBCOMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AFTER GENERAL DEBATE ON SUBJECT. CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP ON RESEARCH WILL BE AN EASTERN EUROPEAN.

3. USSR REVIEWED BRIEFLY DRAFT ARTICLES FOR A CONVENTION ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE WORLD OCEAN (A/ AC.138/ SCII I/ L.31 -- POUCHED SEPARATELY) SUBMITTED BY BULGARIA, POLAND, UKRANIAN SSR AND USSR. THE DRAFT STRESSES THE FREEDOM OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BEYOND THE TERRITORIAL SEA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF. THE ARTICLES PROVIDE UNCLASSIFIED

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INTER ALIA FOR ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE PARTICIPATION OF STATES IN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, THE

EXCHANGE AND PUBLICATION OF SCIENTIFIC DATA AND STATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR POSSIBLE DAMAGE CAUSED DURING THE CONDUCT OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. THEY BRIEFLY SUMMARIZED DRAFT ARTICLES FOR A CONVENTION ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT (A/ AC.138/ SCIII/ L32)-- POUCHED SEPARATELY). THEY NOTED THE INTEREST OF THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT IN PRESERVING ENVIRONMENT. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WERE ARTICLES 2 AND 3: ARTICLE 2. QUOTE. OBLIGATION TO PREVENT POLLUTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT. STATES UNDERTAKE TO ADOPT ALL NECESSARY MEASURES, INCLUDING LEGISLATION, IN ORDER TO PREVENT POLLUTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT FROM ANY SOURCE, WHETHER MARINE- BASED, LAND- BASED OR SHORE- BASED, INCLUDING RIVERS, ESTUARIES, WATER- PIPES, OIL PIPE- LINES, THE ATMOSPHERE, SHIPS, AIRCRAFT, PLATFORMS AND INSTALLATIONS, BY SUBSTANCES WHICH MAY BE HARMFUL TO HUMAN HEALTH OR TO MARINE ORGANISMS OR INTERFERE WITH LEGITIMATE USES OF THE WORLD OCEAN . UNQUOTE. ARTICLE 3. QUOTE. LIABILITY FOR POLLUTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT. EACH STATE SHALL BE HELD LIABLE FOR POLLUTION CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT WHENEVER SUCH POLLUTION RESULTS FROM ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY OFFICIAL ORGANS OF THAT STATE OR BY ITS PHYSICAL AND JURIDICAL PERSONS. UNQUOTE.

4. GHANA STRESSED THE NEED FOR REGIONAL AND GLOBAL APPROACH TO MARINE MATTERS. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IS THE SINE QUA NON FOR REALIZING THE RICHES IN THE OCEAN. THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES NEED (I) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON REQUEST FROM THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, E. G., TRAINING OF PERSONNEL AND ESTABLISHING TECHNICAL CENTERS IN LDCS, AND (II) THE DISSEMINATION OF DATA GATHERED FROM SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IS COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND. SUCH RESEARCH BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION SHOULD GENERALLY NOT BE IMPEDED UNLESS IT DOES NOT PROTECT THE INTEREST OF ALL STATES.
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